

26. The system of claim 24, further comprising means for initializing a series of electronic voting transactions.

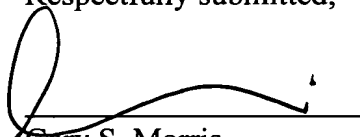
27. The system of claim 24, further comprising means for recovering from an interruption in an electronic voting transaction.

CONCLUSION

The applicants respectfully request the entry of the amendments presented herein, and earnestly solicit a notice of allowance. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4250 with any questions or comments.

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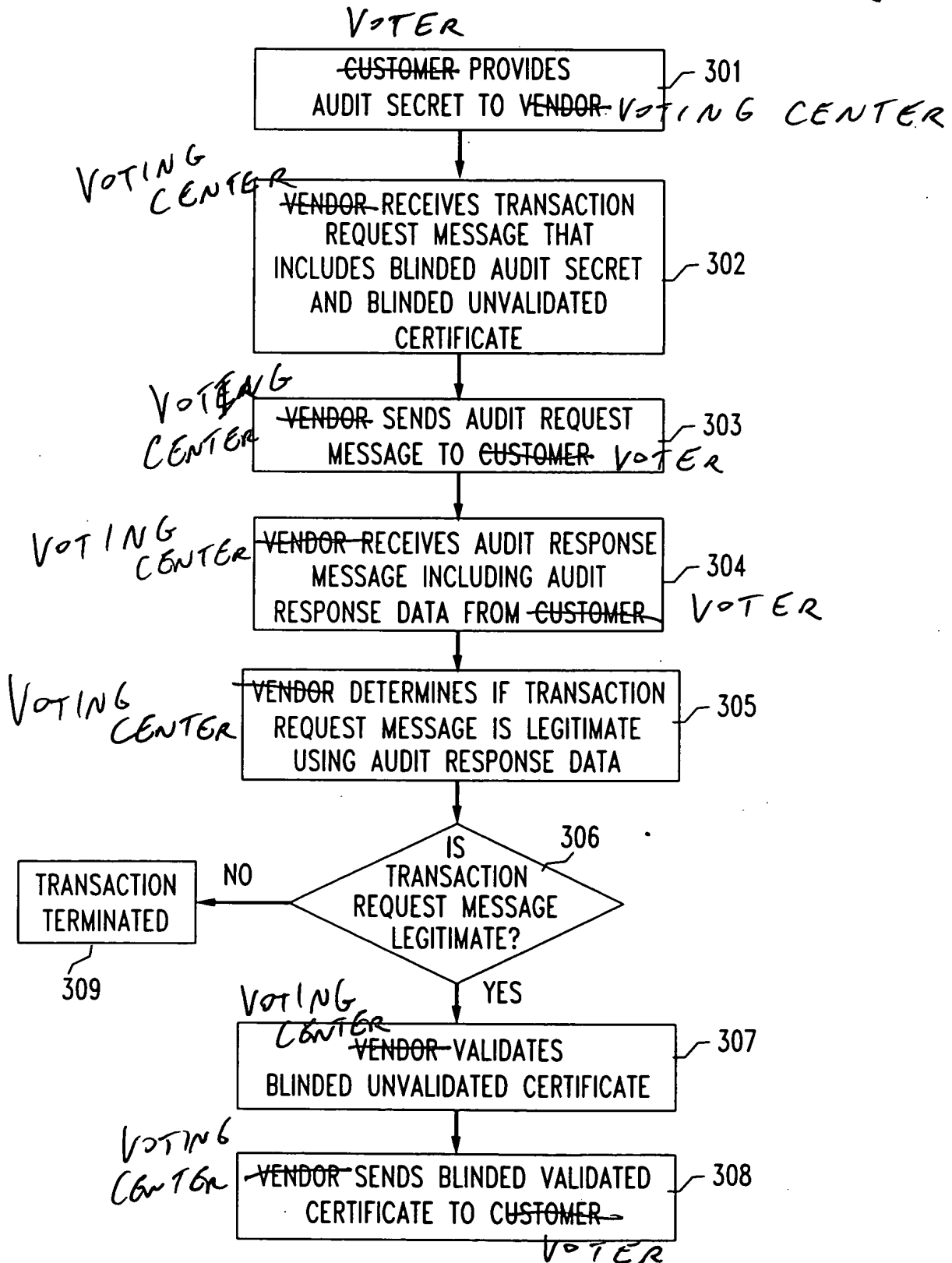
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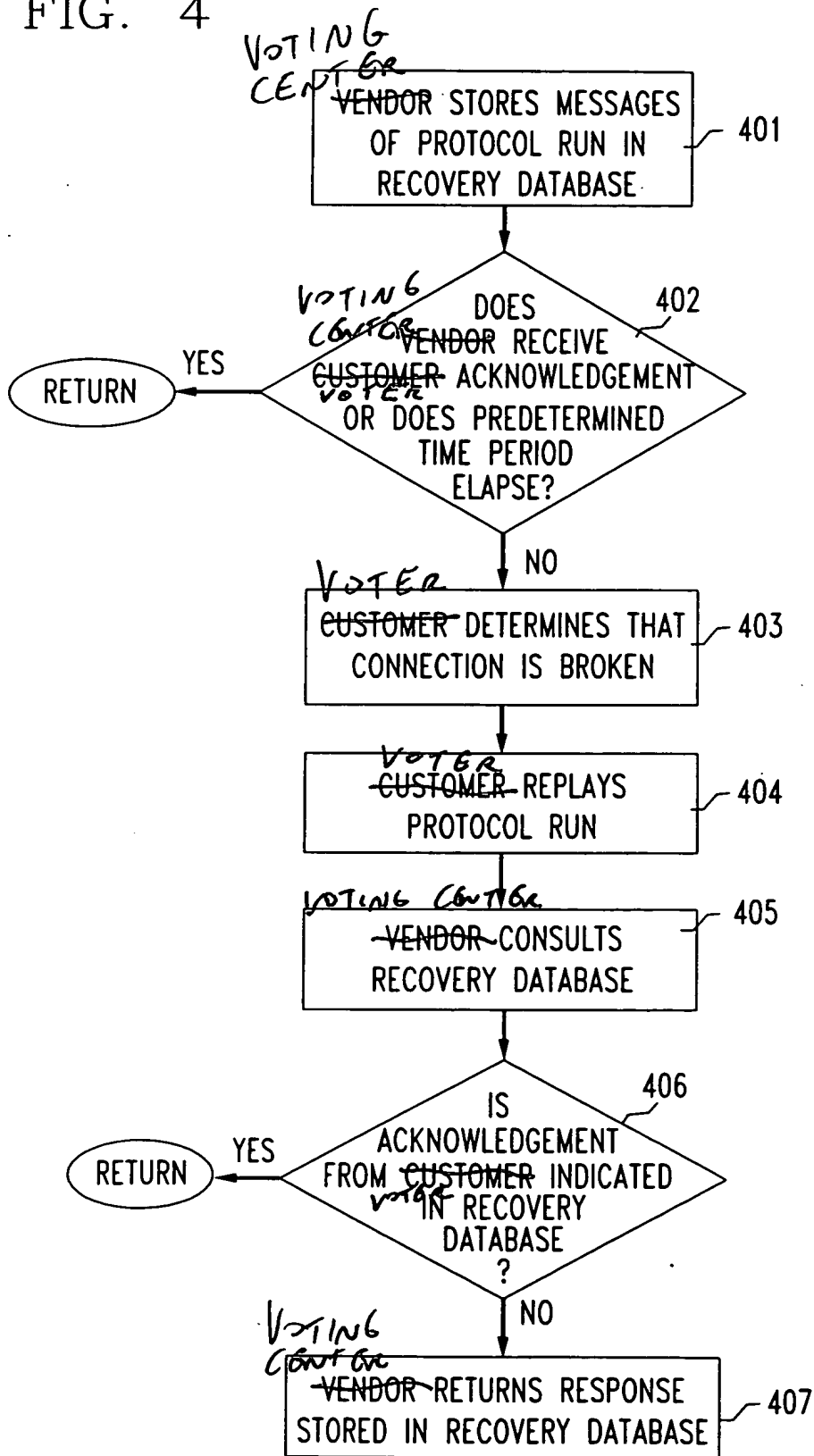
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FIG. 4

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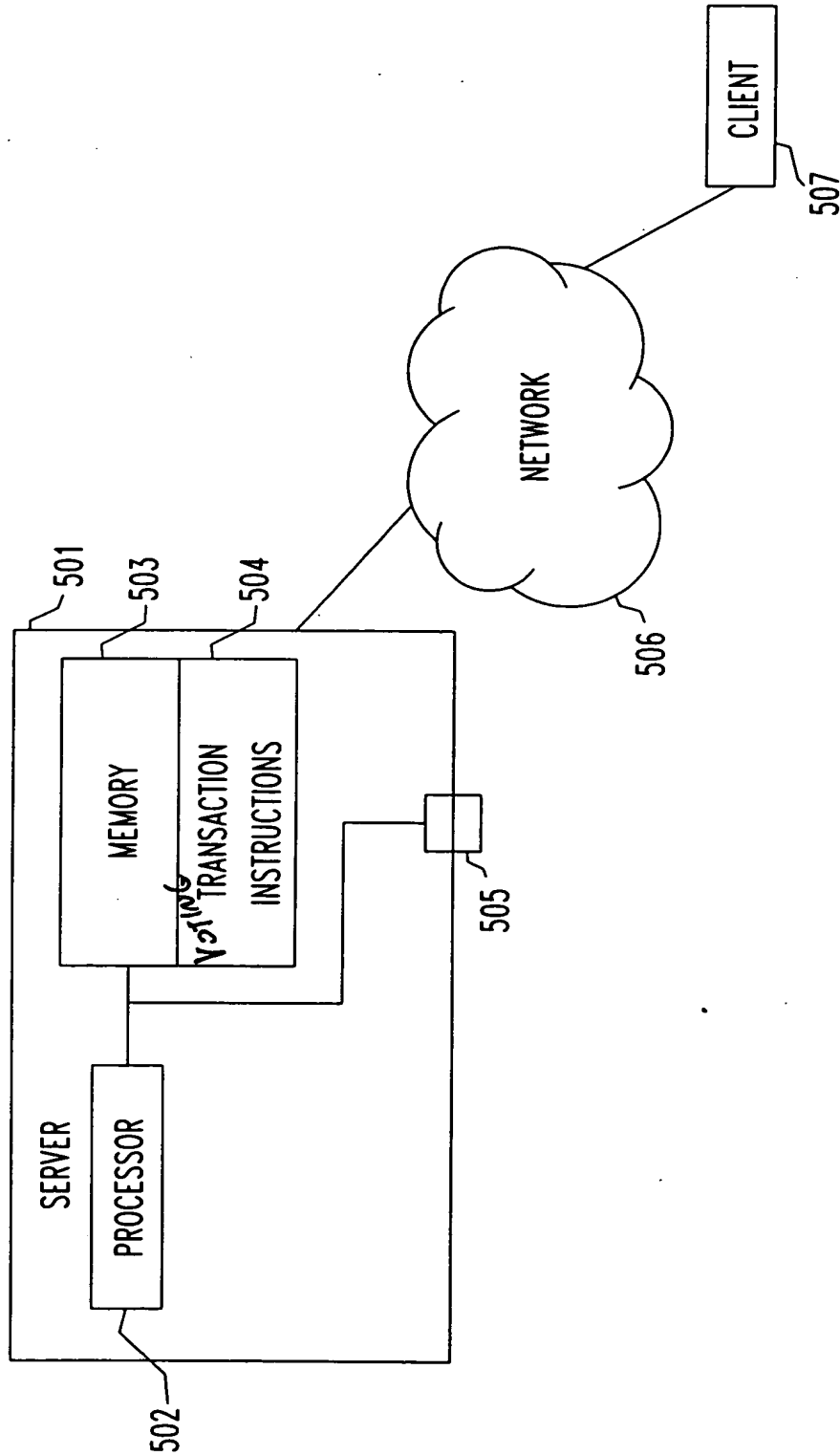


FIG. 5

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